THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) (d) and (e) While unclassified NASA reports in some of the areas are available in India, there is no arrangement existing at present for access to NASA Data Base in its Machine-Readable form, Negotiations with NASA on this issue are continuing.

(b) and (c) Government is not aware.

Setting up of a Malaria Research Institute in Andhra Pradesh

653. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Malaria Research Institute in Andhra Pradesh with the aid of International Malaria Research Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Govt of India to set up a Malaria Research Institute in Andhra Pradesh with the aid of International Malaria Research Centre.

(b) The question does not arise.

Monitoring of Ads cases in Tamil Nadu

654. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monitoring system established by the Central Government to detect AIDS cases in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that no modern AIDS detection equipment has been given to Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps being taken to set up AIDS detection centres and other preventive measures in that state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Three Surveillance centres including one referral centre have been established in Tamil Nadu by the ICMR in consultation with the State Govt. to undertake screening of persons belonging to high risk groups, blood donors and foreigners for the presence of HIV antibodies.

The test kits are regularly being supplied by the ICMR to these centres. In addition Govt. of India has released a sum of Rs. 15.38 lakhs for organising screening of blood donors and establishment of AIDS Unit, for clinical management of AIDS patients at Madras Medical College, Madras. The equipment required for the AIDS Unit to conduct the above activities are :—

(i) Respirators
(ii) Monitoring Units
(iii) Ultrasound Nebulizers
(iv) Complete set of endoscopes with light source
(v) Bronchoscope with light source
(vi) Small autoclaves.

Supply of Dry Ration to Card holders of Army Staff

655. SHRI JERLIEE TARIANG: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1455 given in the Rajya on the 22nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the supply of dry and fresh ration, viz., vegetables, eggs, meat etc. to the ration card holders of army staff by Army ration shop (DID) Safdarjang Road New Delhi on cash

payment has since been normalised; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether new contracts in this regard have since been given from the current financial year (April, 1989), if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action against those contractors who did not supply ration last year according to the terms and conditions laid down by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. However, rice is being issued on restricted basis due to stock position.

(b) Contracts for supply of fresh items to DID, New Delhi for the year 1989-90 have been concluded. The contracts for various dry items are concluded from time to time during the flush seasons.

(c) Risk purchase action has been invoked against defaulting contractors, as per laid down conditions.

Setting up of a VCR/VCP manufacturing Unit in Orissa

656. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a VCR/VCP manufacturing unit in Orissa;

(b) whether the Orissa Government have sent any proposal to the Department of Electronics in that regard;

(c) whether the project is pending for Government's clearance; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to give clearance to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN):

(a) and (b) Government of Orissa has requested that the proposed project of M/s. Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Ltd. (ET&T) be located at Bhubaneswar, ET&T is yet to complete its locational study.

(c) and (d) ET&T's revised application for manufacture of VCRs/VCPs is under consideration of the Government.

Marketing of Medicines based on Nandrolone Phenylpropionate etc.

657. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicines based on Nandrolone phenylproprionate, Nandrolone Decanoate, Ethyl Estranol and Testosterone propionate are being marketed in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these drugs have very adverse effects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that no precautionary note is being made available either to the consumers or to medical profession;

(e) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

(f) what are the indications and contraindications of these drugs; and

(g) what were the imports of these drugs during the last three years, year-wise; and what was the CIF value of imports each year of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The reported adverse effects of these drugs are increase in